

# EDMONSTON NEWS



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## From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your participation during our Edmonston Day Parade on Saturday, October 11, 2014. The weather might have been a deterrent to many, but your participation ensured that our event was carried out successfully.

Looking forward for your participation again next year! Thank you for your support.

Cordially,

Tracy Gant, Mayor

## Desde el Escritorio del la Alcaldesa

Estimado vecino,

Quisiera tomar esta oportunidad de agradecerle personalmente por su participación durante nuestro desfile del día de Edmonston el sábado 11 de octubre de 2014. El tiempo pudo haber sido un detrimento para muchos, pero su participación se aseguró de que nuestro acontecimiento fuera realizado con éxito.

¡Espero poder contar con su participación nuevamente el próximo año!  
Gracias por su ayuda.

Cordialmente,

Tracy Gant, Alcaldesa

## Special Recognition

The Mayor and Town Council express their gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Eloisa Guzman, owner of La Fondita Restaurant, Mr. Guy Berliner of Berliner Specialty Distributors and Rob Netsch of Apollo Ice.

These three companies have long been supporters of the Town of Edmonston and have contributed greatly to the success of our events.

For this and many other reasons we thank you and hope to continue counting on your partnership for future events.



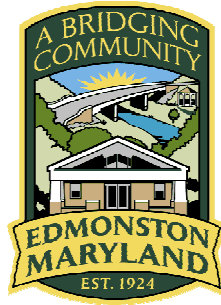
Ice Cream and Special Events

## Pictures from our Edmonston Day and Parade





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## Edmonston Hires New Town Administrator

October 14, 2014

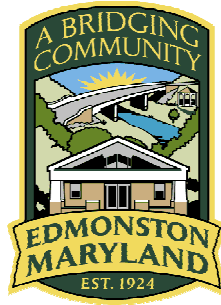
At the regular Town Council meeting of Edmonston, the Mayor and Council completed the selection process of the New Town Administrator when they finalized a contract with Mr. Rodney Barnes.

Mr. Barnes comes to Edmonston from civil service employment where he worked with the Department of Army, Training and Doctrine Command, G-2 Intelligence Support Activity, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas as an Administrative Officer. He provided expertise in budgeting, personnel and contracting. Prior to that, Mr. Barnes retired after a long and successful career in Junction City, Kansas where he last served as City Manager

Mr. Barnes has a Bachelor's degree from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas in Business Administration. He furthered his education and attained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.



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## **Edmonston contrata a nuevo Administrador**

14 de Octubre 2014

Durante la reunión ordinaria del Consejo de la ciudad de Edmonston, la alcaldesa y el Concejo finalizó su selección del nuevo administrador de Edmonston, y el contrato del Sr. Rodney Barnes fue aprobado.

El Sr. Barnes llega a Edmonston luego de ser un empleado de servicio civil, en donde trabajó con el Departamento del Ejército, Formación y Comando de Doctrina, y actividad de apoyo de inteligencia G-2, en Fort Leavenworth, Kansas como Oficial Administrativo proporcionando experiencia en elaboración de presupuestos, personal y contratación. Antes que el Sr. Barnes se retirara después de una larga y exitosa carrera en Junction City, Kansas, donde se desempeñó como administrador de la ciudad.

El Sr. Barnes tiene un  
Administración de  
Benedictine College,  
Él continuó su educación y  
Administración Pública de  
de Kansas, Manhattan,



bachillerato en  
Empresas de  
Atchison, Kansas en  
logró una Maestría en  
la Universidad Estatal  
Kansas.



### ***From the Office of the Chief***

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On October 11, 2014 the Town of Edmonston held its annual Edmonston Day celebration. This year is a special year for us as it is our 90<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation. In special celebration of this we held a parade for our residents. While we were environmentally challenged this year with a bit of inclement weather, the day went off without a hitch and was very successful, thanks to all of our residents, staff, parade participants and the many police agencies that assisted us.

One other important feature of this day was Edmonston's support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. To show our support for this, our employees wore pink shirts and other pink accessories. As you can see by the attached picture, I also wore a pink Breast Cancer badge. The badge has the Breast Cancer".

In this photo I was fortunate to have my picture taken with our Honorable Rushern Baker who came to our parade to support our Mayor Tracy Gant.

Thank you Mr. Baker for your support of Mayor Gant and the Town of Edmonston!



## ***Edmonston Crime Stats'***

The following is a list of activities officers initiated or in which they received a call requesting service or assistance for the months of August and September 2014

Police Department Activity	Sept. 2014	August 2014
Criminal, Traffic & Warrant Svc Arrests	10	13
Traffic Arrests (other than DWI)	2	2
Drive While Intoxicated Arrests	2	5
Maryland Moving Violations Issued	193	212
Parking Citations	117	136
Recovered Stolen Autos	2	0
Traffic Violation Warnings	132	104
Vehicle Impounds	62	55
Vehicle Safety Repair Orders	50	54
Please note not all calls for service result in written reports		
Calls for accidents	3	4
Armed Suspects	0	1
Assaults	1	0
Assist Fire Dept/Other Agency/Code Enforcement	54	51
Burglar Alarms	3	1
Breaking & Entering Residential	1	0
Breaking & Entering Commercial	0	0
Carjacking	0	0
Check on Welfare of Resident	3	2

Customer Dispute Call	6	5
Death Investigation Call	1	0
Disorderly Persons	7	6
Domestic Disturbance	2	2
Fight in Progress	2	1
Hold up Alarm	0	2
Homicide	0	0
Identity Theft	0	0
Juvenile Complaints	0	0
Landlord Tenant Dispute	1	0
Loud Noise Complaint	2	2
Robbery	0	1
Calls for Sounds of Gunshots	0	0
Stolen Auto	1	0
Suspicious Persons	1	3
Suspicious Vehicles	4	3
Theft Reports	3	7
Calls for Unknown Trouble	1	0
Vandalism	1	0
Calls for 911 Hang-ups	0	1
Miscellaneous	<u>60</u>	<u>71</u>
Total Calls for Service	157	163

## ***Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk***

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On Sunday, October 5th, Team Edmonston was present during the making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Washington DC. Although the day had a chilly start, we joined over 3,000 people in this walk and had a great day.

Team Edmonston was able to raise \$800 in funds to be donated toward breast cancer research; this was collected in just over a week. We had representation from each of our governmental staff departments, and council. In addition to several volunteers, of which our youngest walker (Age 4), and daughter of our police clerk Martina Suazo, all completed the task with happy hearts knowing that we were able to provide some more birthdays to breast cancer patients across the United States.

Thank you to all that participated in taking a stand against breast cancer.

### **Team Edmonston Participants:**

Employees: Dave Lohr (Public Works), Martina Suazo (Police Clerk), Rocio Treminio (Code officer), Chief Steve Walker (Police), Council Member John Johnson, and Michelle Rodriguez (Town Clerk)

Volunteers: Karla Walker, Jennifer Walker - Mosley, Andrew Walker, Brian Vernon, Anibal Lopez, Esvin (Age 11), (age 8), and (age 4).

Alvarado Jr.  
Mikey Lohr  
Zaide Zelaya





## ***The Department of Public Works reminds you...***

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The Department of Public Works will start picking up leaves throughout the Town, starting on **Monday, November 3rd, 2014**. To make the process easy going for everyone please keep in mind these tips:

- Rake leaves to the curb or driveway. **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET.**
- Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. The leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Keep your leaves free of any trash, bottles, rocks, or branches.

Piles of leaves with trash **will not be picked up.** It can damage the equipment, cause delays and may cause an injury to personnel operating the machine.

- Noise and dust may be noticeable; dry conditions generate more dust. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- If the leaves are wet and heavy on the scheduled pickup day, they will not be picked up until dry conditions return.

**There Will Be No Leaf Collection when The Town Hall Is Closed.**

Our leaves are taken to ECO-City farms to be used as compost.



## ***El Departamento de Obras Públicas les recuerda...***

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El Departamento de Obras Públicas comenzara a recoger hojas el lunes 4 de noviembre de 2014. Para hacer que este proceso sea llevadero para todos, le recordamos estas medidas:

- Acumule las hojas en la acera o la calzada. **NO LAS DEJE EN LA CALLE.**
- Acumule las hojas lejos de los autos y de los desagües pluviales. La aspiradora de hojas no puede alcanzar al rededor de los autos.
- Mantén su monto de hojas libre de basura, botellas, piedras o palos grandes.

Las acumulaciones de hojas con basura **no serán recogidas.** Puede dañar el equipo, provocar retrasos y puede lesionar a los operarios de la maquina.

- El ruido y el polvo pueden ser notables. Las condiciones secas generan más polvo. Nos disculpamos por cualquier inconveniente.
- Si el día de recolección programado las hojas están húmedas y pesadas, no van a ser recogidas hasta que estén secas.

**Cuando el Ayuntamiento está cerrado  
no Habrá Recolección de hojas.**

# It's A Girl's Thang

## About The Program

### Calling All Girls Ages 11 to 15 years old

This program is designed to address many of the issues our young girls are confronted with and provide answers that will help them conquer their fears, anxieties and make them aware of what to expect concerning these issues.

Please encourage your child to join us on **Monday/Wednesday's** at the **Edmonston Recreation Center** in Edmonston, Maryland from **4:00 PM-7:00 PM**. Our first meeting will be **Nov 3, 2014**

For the first meeting parent need to fill out an application and find out about the program.

#### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Puberty
- Depression
- Dealing with anger,
- Sibling rivalry
- Home alone
- Gossip and rumors, when friends fight, having crushes
- Dealing with death
- Smart spending
- Volunteering

This program is designed to address some of the issues our young girls, ages 11-17, are faced with on a daily basis.

Many of our children are considered to be either latch key children, at home alone, or at home with siblings. Either way, they are left to fend for themselves, confronted with many issues that are left unanswered, and /or left in the dark because the parents have not informed them of what to expect or they are unaware that this is even an issue.

In any event, these young girls are left looking for attention, love and affection in the wrong places and from the wrong people at times. Their emotions are sheltered and this can be a contributing factor to their health. Emotions are on a roller coaster ride and they tend to mimic those they come in contact with and /or are forced to act like those they feel threatened by or want to impress. These young girls are at a stage in their life where they are coming into being – in other words, finding out who they are and worrying about who they might become.

This program will also address some of the following topics which are open for discussion: puberty, depression, dealing with anger, dealing with death, sibling rivalry, home alone, gossip and rumors,



when friends fight, having crushes, making money, smart spending, and volunteering.

For more information please contact:  
Matilda McNeill (Ma Fanny) (240) 413-6168  
or (240) 501-1732 (Ms. Nolwandle)

## Costume Party!

When:

Friday, October 31

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where:

Edmonston Rec. Center  
5100 Tanglewood Drive



Snacks and Fun for everyone!

## ¡Fiesta de Disfraces!

Cuándo:

Viernes, 31 de octubre

Hora: 6:00 a 8:00 pm

Dónde:  
Edmonston Rec. Center  
5100 Tanglewood Drive

¡Aperitivos y diversión para todos!



# PUMPKIN THROWING CONTEST

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THIS YEAR, DON'T LET YOUR JACK O'LANTERN END UP IN THE TRASH. INSTEAD: JOIN THE EDMONSTON GREEN TEAM FOR A DAY OF THE DEAD PUMPKIN SMASHING PARTY WITH ALL REMAINS DONATED TO THE ECO CITY FARM COMPOST PILE.

ECO CITY FARM | CRITTENDEN STREET, EDMONSTON, MD | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST | 10 AM-1 PM



# CONCURSO DE LANZAMIENTO DE CALABAZA

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ESTE AÑO, NO OLVIDE SU CALABAZA DE HALLOWEEN EN LA BASURA. ÚNETE AL EDMONSTON GREEN TEAM PARA PARTICIPAR EN LA CELEBRACION Y LANZAR TU CALABAZA. LAS PIEZAS SERAN DONADOS A LA PILA DE COMPUESTO ECO CITY FARM.

ECO CITY FARM | CRITTENDEN STREET, EDMONSTON, MD | SABADO, NOVIEMBRE 1ST | 10 AM-1 PM

## ***Edmonston Participates in “Clean up, Green up” Event***

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Town Council, Town employees and volunteers participated in the Fourth Annual Countywide “Clean Up, Green Up” event on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The event supports Rushern Baker, County Executive’s initiative to make our communities cleaner and greener by conducting individual community plantings and coordinating beautification activities throughout Prince George’s County. The program provided trees, flowers, shrubs, mulch and litter collection supplies. The Neighborhood Design Center worked with the Town to insure that the trees, flowers and shrubs were planted in the proper location. Trees, flowers and shrubs were planted on Taylor Street, Ingraham Street, 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, at the Town Hall, at the Plummer Mural site and at the Recreation Center. Litter was collected from Ingraham Street and at the end of Emerson Street near Kenilworth Avenue.

The picture below shows some of the volunteers working to make “Clean Up,



Green Up” a success. Thank you to all that assisted.

## ***Panhellenic Society Day of Service***

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The Panhellenic Society will be celebrating their Day of Service on Sunday, November 9, at different locations throughout the town in a team effort to clean up and prepare areas for future tree planting.

170 Volunteers of the various Greek organizations from the University of Maryland, College Park campus will be cleaning up the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River & surrounding park area.

## ***Edmonston Green Team***

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saving our planet, helping the Anacostia,  
reducing your carbon footprint? If so join  
us and be part of our Edmonston Green  
Team. All are welcome!

Next Meeting is at the Town hall on:  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 @ at 7 PM



# Foro Comunitario

## ¡COMPARTE TUS IDEAS!

- ¿Tienes alguna idea o preocupación que quisiera que la ciudad tomara acción?
- ¿Deseas estar más activo en tu comunidad?
- ¿Interesado en ahorrar dinero en su factura de energía eléctrica?
- ¿Te gusta la jardinería?

**La alcaldesa y el consejo quieren escucharlos.** Reúnete con ellos en nuestro primer foro comunitario. Todo residente tendrá la oportunidad de hablar con los funcionarios de gobierno para hablar de cualquier tema de interés.



**Sábado, 15 de Noviembre de 2014**  
**desde las 10 am hasta las 12 pm en la**  
**Alcaldía de Edmonston**

**5005 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Edmonston Md. 20781**

**301-699-8806**

Habrán refrigerios disponibles.



# Community Forum

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

- Do you have an idea or concern that you would like for the Town to address?
- Do you want to be more active in your community?
- Interested in saving on your energy bill?
- Are you interested in gardening?

**The Mayor and Town Council want to hear from you.** Join them along with our staff at the next Community Forum.



All residents will have the opportunity to talk to Town Officials and address any topic of interest.

Saturday, November 15, 2014 from  
10 am to 12 pm at the  
Edmonston Town Hall

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Light refreshments will be provided.



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## Volunteer Sign up Form:

Have an idea you would like for the town to develop. Are you looking to be more involved in your community? Interested in joining part of our events committee? Then sign up for one of our many committees that are forming with intended to make our Town better.

Please fill out, sign and return this form to the Town hall.

\_\_\_ Yes, I want to be more active in my community and I am interested in joining the following(s) committees:

\_\_\_ Edmonston Green Team  
\_\_\_ Recreation Council  
\_\_\_ Black History Month Team  
\_\_\_ Hispanic committee

\_\_\_ Edmonston Business group  
\_\_\_ CERT team  
\_\_\_ Neighbor watch  
\_\_\_ Edmonston Gardening Club

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Availability (please specify):

Weekdays: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekends: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time: \_\_\_\_\_

## GET A WEEKLY BAG OF FRESH PRODUCE THROUGHOUT THE WINTER



Beginning November 13, ECO City Farms will be offering weekly farm shares of locally grown produce to Prince George's County residents. Each week will contain a different mix of produce, depending on what is in season. The taste and freshness of locally grown, fresh picked produce can't be beat. The season starts November 13th, 2014 continuing through to March 26th, 2015

Produce is sustainably grown either by ECO City Farms or by partner farmers who grow using organic and chemical free methods. Produce from ECO City Farms is Certified Naturally Grown.

### **How do I eat all these veggies each week?**

Every week, ECO will be providing recipes and tips on how to prepare and enjoy your produce. We also welcome your recipes to share with others in the farm share program.

**Who is eligible for the small Eat Local Farm Share?** Members must live in Prince George's County, in a community inside the beltway. Priority is given to anyone who lives, works, plays or worships in the Maryland communities of Edmonston, Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Riverdale or Hyattsville.

For more information on how to apply, visit [www.ecocityfarms.org](http://www.ecocityfarms.org) or email [amanda@ecocityfarm.org](mailto:amanda@ecocityfarm.org).



# 2014 HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SIGN-UP PROCEDURES

The Town of Edmonston will be signing up low income residents for the annual Holiday Food Basket giveaway lottery.

Residents of the Town of Edmonston are invited to **sign up in person** at the Edmonston Town Hall from **November 3 to November 18** during normal business hours to be entered in the food basket lottery. Families that are experiencing **severe financial hardship** are strongly encouraged to apply.

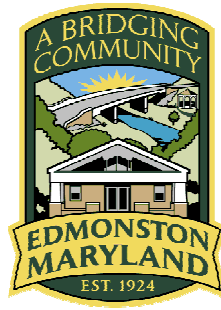
Proof of residency will be required at time of sign up. Only one entry per address will be accepted. All recipients of the baskets must be able to pick up their baskets on the designated date and time.

*This program is intended to help those in need; please do not apply unless you have an actual financial hardship. This will ensure that those in need will be provided adequate assistance.*

Food Baskets will be given for both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Thanksgiving basket lottery drawing will take place on Thursday, November 20, and basket distribution will take place on Friday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Christmas basket lottery drawing will be determined at a later date. The distribution will take place the day after the drawing.

***Limit of 25 baskets will be available.***



## ***Edmonston's 2nd Annual Coat Drive***

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**Do you have coats that you don't need anymore?**  
***Please donate them!***

Winter is here and there are people in our community who could use a nice warm coat.

Between November and December there will be a box at the Town Hall available for you to donate your gently-used coats. Adult and children's coats in all sizes will be accepted.

These coats will be distributed to anyone in need during our holiday party on December 18.

***Please only donate clean, reusable coats!***

**¿Tendrás abrigos que no necesitas?**  
***! Pues dónelas!***

El invierno está aquí y hay gente en nuestra comunidad que podrían utilizar un buen abrigo.

Entre noviembre y diciembre habrá una caja disponible en la alcaldía para que usted pueda donar sus abrigos usados en buen estado. Se aceptarán abrigos de todos tamaños para adultos y niños.

Estos abrigos serán distribuidos a personas necesitadas durante nuestra Fiesta de Navidad el 19 de Diciembre.

***! Por favor haga su donación de abrigos!***

# Town of Edmonston

## **Fiesta de Navidad**

El Jueves, 18 de Diciembre de 2014  
desde las 6:00pm hasta 9:00pm en la  
Centro Recreativo de Edmonston  
5100 Tanglewood Dr  
Edmonston, Maryland

**Holiday Party**





Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
From 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the  
Edmonston Rec. Center  
5100 Tanglewood Dr.  
Edmonston, Maryland

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*! Noticias en Español!*

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[swhite@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:swhite@edmonstonmd.gov)

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[mpooley@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:mpooley@edmonstonmd.gov)  
John Johnson 240-605-0374  
[jjohnson@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:jjohnson@edmonstonmd.gov)

**Town Administrator** Rod Barnes  
[rbarnes@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:rbarnes@edmonstonmd.gov) 785-223-1037

**Town Hall** [townhall@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:townhall@edmonstonmd.gov)

#### Public Works

[edmpublicworks@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:edmpublicworks@edmonstonmd.gov)

#### Code Enforcement

[Codeinfo@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:Codeinfo@edmonstonmd.gov)

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Permit No. 5741  
Hyattsville, MD

Friday, October 31	Halloween Party	6pm
	Rec. Center	
Saturday, November 1	Pumpkin Throwing	10am
	Eco City Farms	
Tuesday, November 4	Election Day	Office closed
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day	Office closed
Saturday, November 15	Community Forum	
	Town Hall	10-12
Tuesday, November 18	Town Meeting	7pm
	Town Hall	

For Police Emergency, dial 911  
Non-Emergency Line 301 352-1200  
Crime Hotline  
[edmcrimeline@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:edmcrimeline@edmonstonmd.gov)

Police Department 301 699-8805  
Chief Walker [swalker@edmonstonmd.gov](mailto:swalker@edmonstonmd.gov)  
PG County Council Member  
Andrea Harrison 301 952-3864  
[acharrison@co.pg.md.us](mailto:acharrison@co.pg.md.us)  
Foreclosures help 1-877-462-7555  
[www.mdhope.org](http://www.mdhope.org)  
Bladensburg Fire Dept 301 883-7709  
[www.BV9FD.com](http://www.BV9FD.com)  
Bates Trash/ Bulk Trash 301 773-2069  
Call-A- Bus 301 499-8603

Comcast Cable	301 731-4260
PEPCO	202 833-7500
Power outages	1-877-737-2662
Wire Down Emergency	202 872-3432
Wash Gas Co	703 750-1000
If you smell gas	703 750-1400
WSSC	301 206-4002
Emergency	301 206-4002
Verizon Fios	1-888-881-8161